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REPUBLICAN CONVENTION AN EVENT OF THE PAST

Congressman James S. Sherman, of Utica, New York, Named as Ruing Mate for Secretary Taft.

RAN AWAY FROM OTHER CANDIDATES

Speaker Cannon Creates a Sensation by Appearing on the Floor to Second the Nomination of Mr. Sherman and He Was No Fashion Plate While He Was Making His Speech—The Closing Scenes.

(By Associated Press.)
CHICAGO, June 19.—Taft and Sherman. This is the ticket of the Republican party flung to the breeze today as the national convention concluded with the nomination of James S. Sherman, of New York, for vice-president. Again the vast assembly was swept with a wave on wave of wild exultant clamor as the multitude, realizing that at last the work was done and the record made upon which the Republican party goes before the country, united in one last mighty outburst of enthusiastic tribute to the men who will forward here the standard in the struggle now at hand.

Another inspiring picture was presented today as the convention named its candidate for vice-president. The enormous throngs had waited through an hour of oratory sweltering in the heat-laden atmosphere, packed as before into solid masses of humanity, with only here and there a few vacant seats in remotest corners. The delegates in the broad arena below the bright hued lines of femininity in the circling galleries and over all the enveloping folds of "Old Glory."

From the outset it was distinctly a Sherman crowd with galleries already trained into choruses of "Sherman, Sherman," and an invading host of Sherman marchers, bearing a huge portrait of the New York candidate, started the echoes ringing.

Among the early arrivals on the floor was Speaker Cannon, yesterday a candidate for President, but today here as a pillar of strength in the Sherman movement.

The widespread affection for the old war horse of the party was shown by the crowds of delegates surging about him to grasp his hand and bid him welcome.

The preliminaries were brief and at 10:30 o'clock the nominating speeches for vice-president began with a limit of ten minutes to each speaker. On the call of states Delaware yielded to New York and former Lieutenant Governor Woodruff mounted the platform for a glowing speech, placing in nomination Sherman as New York's choice for the vice-presidency.

Now came a surprise as the venerable Cannon with his lionlike vision and shaggy beard emerged from the Illinois delegation and stepping to the platform was granted unanimous consent to second the nomination of Sherman.

Such a picture of sturdy, homely, plain American citizenship as Cannon appeared as he advanced before the throng which rose to do him homage, has seldom been seen before at a national convention.

Cannon Not a Fashion Study.
His serious face was bearded, with sweltering collar melted to a rag, hung limp about his neck. His coat was thrown wide open, exposing a crumpled shirt, and the sleeves of his black alpaca coat curled up about his dangling cuffs to his elbows as his waving arms emphasized his ringing words for his colleague and friend—James S. Sherman, of New York.

From the outburst of applause which greeted every mention of Sherman's name it was plain that the mind of the convention had been made up. But for a moment there was a halt in the Sherman movement, as Senator Lodge, leaving the presiding officer's chair, advanced to nominate Governor Guild, of Massachusetts, for the vice-presidency. The senator's voice was strained with the exertions of recent days, but he spoke eloquently and fervidly for the Massachusetts candidate, Michigan, through Chase Osborne, added her voice for Guild and New Jersey brought for-

PRINCIPAL EVENTS IN LIFE OF TAFT.

1857, September 15, born Cincinnati, O.
1875—Graduated from Woodward High school.
1878—Graduated from Yale law school of Cincinnati University.
1880—Admitted to the Cincinnati bar. Acted as law reporter for newspapers.
1881—Appointed assistant prosecuting attorney.
1882—Appointed collector of internal revenue.
1883—Resigned and entered general practice of law.
1885—Became assistant county solicitor.
1886—Married Miss Helen Herron.
1888—Appointed judge of Cincinnati Superior Court. Elected to same office.
1890—Appointed solicitor-general of the United States.
1892—Appointed United States Circuit Judge.
1896—Received degree of LL.D. from Yale and became dean and professor in the law school of Cincinnati University.
1900—Became President of Philippine commission.
1901—First governor of the Philippines.
1904—Appointed secretary of war.
1908—Nominated for the Presidency at Chicago.

ward her favorite son, in a speech by Thomas E. McCarver, nominating former Governor Murphy, of New Jersey. The steady advance of the Sherman movement now began again as state after state fell into line—North Carolina in a ringing speech from the floor by Harry Skinner; Oklahoma, by Dennis Flynn; Pennsylvania by Congressman Olmstead; Tennessee by H. Clay Evans, and Virginia by C. B. Siemp.

Result Never in Doubt.

Now began the voting taken amid confusion at first, which increased as the totals climbed upward to the nominating point. The result was never in doubt as the ballot of states were heaped one upon another until they reached 116. Chairman Lodge announced the result as follows: Vice-President Fairbanks gets 1 vote; Governor Sheldon, of Nebraska, 16; Governor Guild, of Massachusetts, 76; Governor Murphy, of New Jersey, 77; and James S. Sherman, of New York, 816 votes.

Again the flood gates of enthusiasm were let loose as floor and gallery joined in a pandemonium of demonstration for new candidates. Committees from the various states were directed to wait upon the candidates for President and vice-president and formally notify them of the action of the convention in nominating them; prospective meetings of the national committee to perfect plans for the coming campaign; and thanks and congratulations to the Chicago citizens who have given a convention of such perfect equipment.

And then just before noon, amid cheers, and the inspiring national anthem, the national convention finally adjourned.

Rush to Get Out.

Many of the delegates and the mass of strangers are hastening homeward and tomorrow there will be only the aftermath and the nucleus of a few leaders to mark the historic delegation.

Attention is now being directed to the selection of the chairman of the national committee, the general-in-chief, who will have supreme command of the Republican forces in the approaching campaign.

The national committee today appointed a subcommittee of eight members, which left for Cincinnati, where it will confer with Secretary Taft tomorrow on the selection of the campaign manager and details of the campaign.

But Few Spectators Present.

The exhausting work of yesterday's session in the Republican National Convention, the prospect of another day of sweltering heat and the fact that the great event on the program had transpired all combined to cause a scanty arrival of the delegates today.

The effect was even more marked in the number of spectators. When the convention was called to order there was not present a twentieth part of those who witnessed the opening of the day before.

The crowd outside the Coliseum

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15 ENTOMBED MINERS PROBABLY ARE DEAD

Explosion in Ellsworth Mine at Monongahela, Accompanied by Many Fatalities.

THREE BODIES ARE TAKEN OUT

Two Who Were So Badly Burned That They Cannot Live, Also Brought to the Surface—Not Known What Caused the Explosion—Rescuers Cannot Work.

(By Associated Press.)
MONONGAHELA, PA., June 19.—Three miners are dead, two others, perhaps, fatally burned and 15 entombed, many of whom are supposed to be dead from an explosion at the Ellsworth No. 1 mine of the Pittsburgh Coal Company here today. Of the victims taken from the mine John Beal is the only one identified.

The others are foreigners whose features were too blackened to be recognized. The burned men were hurried to the hospital, where it was said they will probably die. Little is known as to the cause of the explosion.

It occurred when all but 30 miners working in the day shift had left the workings. Of this number 15 were near the mouth of the slope and rushed out before the force of the explosion reached them. Had the explosion occurred five minutes earlier the entire force of over 500 men would have been entrapped with probably many fatalities.

Little is known here about the men still in the mines, but most of them are thought to have perished in the fumes which are still so strong that rescuers cannot enter far into the slope.

PRESIDENT LEAVES FOR OYSTER BAY TODAY

All Preparations Have Been Made for Departure of Family and Party.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, June 19.—All preparations have been made for the President's departure for Oyster Bay tomorrow morning. He will go on a special train, accompanied by Mrs. Roosevelt and the other members of his family, and will reach Oyster Bay about 5:35 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

The President's train will consist of a private car, a Pullman and a baggage car, and it will leave the Union station at 9:15 tomorrow morning, over the Pennsylvania road. At Jersey City, the party will board a boat for Long Island City.

Secretary and Mrs. Loeb and family and other officials, and employees of the White House, to the number of about thirty, will accompany the President.

Secretary Loeb will leave on the same train for his summer home at Clinton, N. Y., where he expects to spend the greater part of the summer. After a stay of about ten days at his home he will enter a physical training institution at White Plains, N. Y., for a short time.

CHARGED WITH PEONAGE.

Prominent Alabama Farmers Arrested by United States Authorities.
(By Associated Press.)
HUNTSVILLE, ALA., June 19.—Gordon and A. W. Warren, prominent farmers of Winston county, were arrested today on charges of peonage and their trials will be held before United States Commissioner Shields at Jasper on June 26.

Both gave bond for their appearance. It is charged that the Warren brothers kept Willie Grey, a negro, in a condition of peonage on their farm for several months.

Good Health at Panama.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, June 19.—On the whole sanitary progress in the canal zone has been very satisfactory during May, according to the monthly report of C. C. McCulloch, Jr., acting chief sanitary officer. Taking the total population of Panama, Colon and the canal zone, there was a marked falling off in the death rate per thousand during May this year as compared with 1907 when it was 31.57; May this year it was 29.87 per thousand.

BALTIMORE TAKING TRADE FROM NEW YORK

Metropolis Seems to be Losing Its Grip on the Freight to West Indies.

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, June 19.—The steamship lines which carry freight from this port to the West Indies and Panama have been hard hit by the slump in freight traffic. Reports of the lines say that they are now carrying about two thirds as much freight as they did at this season last year. A lot of the bulk freight which formerly went from this port is now being shipped from Baltimore.

Shippers say it is a greater haul to Baltimore and they get a lower rate from there to West Indian ports.

The lines out of New York which compete in the West Indian, Panama and South American trade are the Atlantic Line, of the Hamburg American; the Royal Mail, the Red D Line, the Royal Dutch West Indian Line, the Onice Steamship Company and the Clyde Line.

A representative of the Red D Line says that the trouble in Venezuela has been responsible for a great falling off in freight to Venezuelan ports.

WARRANT ISSUED FOR ARREST OF H. H. MEYERS

Men Accused of Taking Arms and Unpaid for Cargo to Honduras, to be Brought Back.

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, June 19.—A warrant was issued today by the Federal authorities for the arrest of H. H. Meyers, an associate of Ernest G. Bailey, president of the Export Shipping Company, who, with his brother, A. C. Bailey, is charged in Honduras.

The Baileys, it is charged, are the owners of the ship, the *Guillermo*, which is charged with a general cargo of merchandise, which it is charged was never paid for, sailed for Honduras.

Meyers, it is charged, conspired to use the mails for fraudulent purposes. Captain Oxley, of the *Goldshore*, was charged today in a warrant with the crime of perjury, in that he made a false statement with regard to the presence in his cargo of fifty guns. An officer sailed from New Orleans today for Honduras to bring back the two Baileys, Meyers and Captain Oxley.

FIFTY MILLION DOLLAR SUIT IS DISMISSED

Verdict for Defendant Returned by Agreement of Counsel for Both Sides.

(By Associated Press.)
BOSTON, June 19.—The fifty million dollar suit of Caldwell W. M. Raymond against H. H. Rogers, of New York, was closed in the Supreme Court today by a judgment for the defendant by agreement. Raymond was assignee of a claim of the late Benjamin Greenough, of New York, against Rogers and his former partner, the late Charles Platt, under a contract made in 1878, selling them a secret process for making crude petroleum and its products non-explosive.

The defense of Mr. Rogers was that the process was never a success and was not used.

GREAT SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION BEGINS

Impressive Spectacle Presented at Louisville When Delegates Marched Through Streets.

(By Associated Press.)
LOUISVILLE, KY., June 19.—A spectacle unusually impressive was witnessed here tonight when hundreds of men of America interested in Sunday school work, among them the international officers and committed men, marched in a body, carrying banners and singing through the principal streets to the First Regiment armory, to attend the first session of the International Sunday School convention.

The session was devoted to addresses on the work of the adult department.

Prominent on the program was Rev. A. C. Dixon, pastor of the Chicago Avenue church, Chicago, which was founded by Dwight L. Moody. He had as his subject "The Bible for Men."

Hearst Gains More Votes.

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, June 19.—In the mayoralty election contest recounted today 57 boxes were recounted, comprising the Seventh assembly district of Kings. W. R. Hearst gained 57 and Mayor McCallan 27, a net gain for Hearst of 60. In 1,200 boxes opened thus far Hearst has gained 482 net. There are still to be counted 645 boxes.

HITCHCOCK WILL NOT RUN TAFT'S CAMPAIGN

Man Who Corralled the Votes for the Secretary Will Now Retire from the Field.

WILL NOT TAKE SUBORDINATE JOB

It is Evident That the Former Fourth Assistant Postmaster General is Not at All Pleased Over the Way Things Have Turned Out—Prominent Man is Wanted.

(By Associated Press.)
CHICAGO, ILL., June 19.—The new Republican national committee organized today by the election of Powell Clayton, of Arkansas, veteran member of the committee as temporary chairman, to serve until a permanent chairman shall have been selected. Elmer Dove was re-elected secretary and W. F. Stone sergeant at arms. A committee was named to consider the appointment of sub-committees to go to Cincinnati to confer with Secretary Taft regarding the selection of a permanent chairman to manage his campaign.

Over two hundred persons, mostly delegates, crowded the assembly room, caucusing in small groups and discussing the result of the convention and the probable action of the meeting of the national committee.

After about twenty members had entered the room Charles P. Taft, brother of the secretary, appeared and sent word by the sergeant at arms that he wished to see Governor Herrick.

The governor immediately came out and Mr. Taft conferred with him for a short time.

In a few minutes Henry W. Taft was sent for. The men had been together but a short time when Charles P. Taft left the building and boarded a car for uptown.

Favor a Prominent Man.

The committee appointed the following committees to wait upon Secretary Taft and get his ideas concerning the championship of the committee: Messrs. Clayton, Arkansas; Herrick, Ohio; K.logg, Minnesota; Nagel, Missouri; Ward, New York; Borah, Idaho and Duncan, North Carolina.

At least three of the members of this subcommittee are said to be in favor of some prominent man for chairman of the national committee to conduct the campaign other than Frank H. Hitchcock.

However, they will not express themselves until they have talked over the situation with Secretary Taft. The brother of the secretary, Charles P. Taft, talked with Mr. Hitchcock in regard to the chairmanship and suggested that both Mr. Hitchcock and Mr. Voris of Ohio, refrain from having their names presented so that an outside candidate could be named.

Mr. Hitchcock replied that he had not been a candidate for the national chairmanship, had never taken any steps in that direction, would not be a candidate and would do absolutely nothing to embarrass in any way the interests of Secretary Taft. But he stated emphatically he would not take a subordinate position.

ROOSEVELT AND TAFT CONGRATULATES SHERMAN

Secretary Cordially Welcomes the New York Congressman as a Running Mate.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., June 19.—President Roosevelt today sent a telegram to Representative Sherman congratulating him on his nomination, saying: "Accept my hearty congratulations and my earnest wishes for the success of the ticket of Taft and Sherman."

Secretary Taft sent a telegram to Representative Sherman immediately upon hearing of the nomination, saying: "I sincerely and cordially congratulate you upon your nomination as vice President. Welcome to the campaign with confidence to the end of the joint struggle. Will meet me in Cincinnati tomorrow to confer on matters of importance."

Ship Surgeon Suicides.

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, June 19.—Dr. Thomas W. Small, chief surgeon of the American Line steamer *St. Louis*, committed suicide in his cabin early today by shooting. No cause for the act was known. He had been absent from the ship all night. When he returned this morning he appeared to be in a cheerful frame of mind and was chatting pleasantly for a time with the officers before he retired to his room.

TAFT TO GET OUT OF THE CABINET ON JUNE 30

VIRGINIA BANKERS LISTEN TO EXCELLENT ADDRESSES

Martin W. Littleton, the Well Known New York Lawyer, One of the Speakers.

(By Associated Press.)
HOT SPRINGS, VA., June 19.—At today's session of the Virginia Bankers Association, Martin W. Littleton, of New York, the principal speaker, addressed the convention for nearly two hours, his remarks being greeted with most enthusiastic applause. He said the Federal and state governments for a great many years have been everything they could to encourage men who have money and a taste in the development of the country in including mining, railroading and banking. The federal government gave those who built factories a tag so they might be able to sell their goods higher and keep them up. But Federal and state governments are part of their public domain to railroads.

"All together," said Mr. Littleton, "was a very intelligent and friendly spirit to all of us. Of course, people grow very wealthy and people get to know where and how they got it. Suddenly the government, both state and national swept down on them and began a crusade in which every man who had been a captain of industry was suddenly a crook and every man who had been regarded as an adventurer anxious to develop the country was put under suspicion."

"Neither the national or state government should ever undertake to hurt or help particular industry. The government ought to keep its hand off, being neither friendly nor unfriendly and allow the individual and his enterprise to work out the industrial destiny of this country. Friendly patronism as long as it remains friendly seems a great blessing but when it becomes hostile it seems to be a great curse."

"This government ought to be held so high above class interest that it could not hear the cry of the lawless mob nor the appeal of those who are fat with privileges."

TWENTY INJURED IN CRASH BETWEEN TRAINS

There Were 140 Passengers on Train and All Were More or Less Bruised.

(By Associated Press.)
ST. LOUIS, MO., June 19.—Twenty persons were injured in a collision between a passenger train and a freight on the Washburn road last night near Pendleton, Mo.

A number of most seriously injured were brought here today for medical attention.

Both engines, the baggage and mail cars and a number of freight cars were demolished. The coaches were dented but not badly damaged. There were 140 passengers and all were bruised, many being seriously injured.

Passenger Engineer Chris Smith, suffered a broken leg and several injuries and was taken to his home in Montgomery City, Mo. Mail Clerk W. Harrell and H. E. Hubbard of St. Louis and W. J. Cleary, of Kansas City were badly injured and were taken to the hospital at Moberly.

ILLITERATE NEGRO MAKES A BANK GO TO THE WALL

His Check Was No Good and He Thought the Institution Was in Same Class.

LITTLE ROCK, ARK., June 19.—The Capital City Savings bank went to the hands of a recently arrived request of Charles B. King, the banker. Marvin Harris was a negro, a co-receiver by Chancellor Marshall because an illiterate negro and he drew his account and had his check refused, he started a row and today that the bank was insolvent.

Today several hundred depositors appeared at the bank and demanded their money. There was only \$2,500 in cash on hand and the doors were not opened. The liabilities are about \$75,000 with very considerably in excess.

Labor Wants a Yaddo.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., June 19.—Representatives of labor organizations of the District of Columbia today called at the White House to request the President to deliver a speech to labor on Labor Day, next September. The President will consider this request.

Shirley Wins Suburban.

(By Associated Press.)
SHIRLEY, N. Y., June 19.—The suburban handball won by Shirley, King James was won by Shirley. Play was third. Time 2:45.

Secretary of War's Note of signation Extremely Brief

Was the Acceptance by President Roosevelt.

GEN. LUKE WRIGHT TO SUCCEED

Well Known Man from Tennessee Who has been Governor of the Philippines Will be that Next Secretary of War—President Praises His Points—Brief Sketch of Career—Formerly Congratulates Taft.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, June 19.—Secretary of War Taft today sent a note of signation to President Roosevelt, nominating Luke Wright, of Tennessee, to succeed him in his cabinet. The note was made vacant by the resignation of Secretary Taft.

The correspondence between President and Secretary Taft regarding the latter's resignation, Secretary Taft simply said: "I hereby resign as secretary of war, effective June 30, next." The President, in his "You resignation is hereby accepted, effective June 30."

The resignation was delayed until the acceptance of Mr. Wright's qualifications. The statement given out at the White House concerning Mr. Wright's appointment says: "As Philippine commissioner and later as vice-governor, he won the affection and respect of the army to a high degree and many of the most distinguished of the men who served in the army at the time he was in the Philippines, have urged his appointment because they felt that he was in a peculiar degree understood them and their needs. This is especially true as regards the men who were union veterans of the civil war, for these grew to feel that he was always specially interested in their welfare."

Moreover his great administrative and legal ability both peculiarly fit him to deal with the problems in the Philippines, Panama and Cuba; for the work of the war department now is such that only a man with special business and unusual training is able to do justice to it. Of all the men in the country the President feels that Luke Wright is the man best equipped to take up the work of the department which for the last seven years has been under the control of Root and then Taft.

Something About His Life.
As a young man he was a captain in the Confederate army. He is one of the leading lawyers not only of his state, but of the entire South. He has also been foremost in advocating and insisting upon fair treatment for the colored people. He first definitely established his reputation in the terrible days of the yellow fever epidemic at Memphis, when he practically made himself mayor of the town and took charge of all of the relief measures, showing what may be justly called devotion to duty and indifference to his own life, together with the masterful qualities of a successful administrator in a great crisis. He was himself stricken down by the plague he was fighting, but lived to see it stamped out and himself to take part in introducing into Memphis the hygienic measures which have since made it one of the most healthful cities in the world.

He was appointed by President McKinley as one of the Philippine commission and enjoyed President McKinley's heartiest confidence, being selected as one of those Southerners who were in sympathy with his administration. Under President Roosevelt he was promoted first to be vice-governor and then governor of the Philippine islands, and was afterwards made the first ambassador to Japan.

"In all his positions he served with signal fidelity and ability and has been in hearty and outspoken agreement with the administration in all its main policies."

La Follette Congratulates Taft.
Usually an early riser, Secretary Taft was late in making up the bed this morning and it was after nine o'clock this morning before he came